

MINUTES

of the

23

Twenty-second Anniversary Meeting

Of the

KING'S MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

ZION CHURCH,

Cleaveland County, N. C.,

Friday, September 26th, 1873,

and days following.

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Minutes of the King's Mountain Baptist Association.

Friday September the 26th, 1873.

The KING'S MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION met with the Zion Church, at 11 o'clock A. M. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder G. W. Rollins. Text, Jude 3rd verse.

Recess of thirty minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Elder J. D. Hufham. Elder T. Dickson, former Moderator, called the body to order, and proceeded to organize by appointing Elder A. A. McSwain and J. A. Roberts reading clerks. A call was then made upon the churches for their representation and statistics which was communicated by letter, and the delegates' names enrolled as follows:

SANDY RUN—Elder G. W. Rollins, L. R. Rollins, B. B. Harris, W. B. Stroud and M. D. Padgett.

ZION—A. C. Erwin, D. Posten, J. D. Weathers and A. Blanton.

ZOAR—S. H. Elliott, J. Hogue and P. D. Wilson.

DOUBLE SPRING—Elder J. H. Yarboro, E. J. Lovelace, J. M. Bridges and John Bridges.

NEW BETHEL—R. W. Gardner and Perry Wright.

PLEASANT HILL—J. A. Roberts, J. Posten and H. Roberts.

MNT. VERNON—W. F. Hull.

BIG SPRING—J. C. Lattimore and J. C. Gettys.

BETHLEHEM—Elder P. R. Elam, R. C. Gladden and A. H. H. H.

CONCORD—William Harrell, W. H. Martin and J. M. Tams.

MNT. SINAI—Elder L. H. McSwain and J. McSwain.

MNT. PLEASANT—No delegation.

BEVERDAM—N. S. Harrell, B. Hamrick and C. Green.

WALLS—W. R. Smart and James Robbins.

SANDY PLAINS—E. M. Sweasy, W. B. Bridges, J. P. Green and W. A. Crowder.

BETHEL, RUTHERFORD CO.—Elder D. Pannell and Elder J. J. Jones.

HIGH SHOAL—J. M. Good, J. P. Burgess and N. Dobbins.

MNT. PARAN—A. Earles, F. H. Bridges and W. B. Martin.

MNT. HARMONY—J. Yelton and J. L. Padgett.

BOILING SPRING—Elder A. A. McSwain, G. P. Hamrick, B. H. Bridges and J. Hamrick.

SHELBY—Elder G. M. Webb, J. Jenkins and L. N. Durham.

CAPERNAUM—Elder W. Hill and J. S. Wray.

NEW PROSPECT—Elder T. Dickson, J. L. Ledford, J. C. Hoyle, A. Beam, V. H. Elliott and M. Carpenter.

MNT. ZION—E. Welman and J. McGinnis.

BETHEL, IREDELL CO.—Elder J. K. Howell.

THESSALONICA—L. W. Cocheram.

ANTIOCH—H. Borders and H. Whistnant.

Elected Elder G. W. Rollins Moderator, and B. H. Bridges Clerk.

On motion, called for corresponding messengers from sister associations, and received as follows:

From Broad River—R. E. Porter, William Hamrick and W. D. Gaston.

From Green River—Elder B. E. Rollins and Elder C. B. Justice.

From Catawba River—H. Padgett.

An invitation to visiting ministers was given, which was accepted by Elders L. C. Ezell, R. Posten, L. McCurry and J. D. Hufham, Gen. Sec. of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Appointed Elder T. Dickson, Elder J. H. Yarboro and J. C. Jattimore, with the Moderator and Clerk, to arrange the business of the Association.

Appointed J. A. Roberts, B. B. Harris and E. J. Lovelace, with the Pastor and Deacons of this church, a committee on religious exercises.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder J. K. Howell.

SATURDAY 10 A. M.

The Association met, and, after prayer, by Elder W. Hill, the Moderator called the body to order. The roll were called and marked absentees. Proceedings of yesterday was read.

The church at Antioch, formerly a member of the Broad River Association, was received into this body.

The Committee on Order of Business reported. The report received and committee discharged.

Read the Constitution, rules of decorum and abstract of principals.

The Missionary Board, of last year, reported and was discharged.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator:

Sabbath Schools—Elder J. K. Howell, A. C. Erwin and J. Gettys.

Missions—Elder G. M. Webb, Elder J. D. Hufham, N. Dobbins and J. L. Ledford.

Finance—J. Jenkins, J. Hamrick and W. B. Stroud.

Periodicals—Elder A. A. McSwain, J. M. Toms and E. M. Sweas.

Union Meetings—Elder T. Dickson, Elder D. Pannell and N. S.

Harrell.

Obituaries—L. R. Rollins, Licentiate, G. P. Hamrick, Licentiate,

J. M. Bridges.

Education—Elder J. H. Yarboro, Elder W. Hill and Elder L. H. McSwain.

Temperance—J. A. Roberts, L. N. Durham and William Harrell.

On motion, suspended the system of writing letters to sister associations with whom we correspond. Appointed messengers as follows:

To the Broad River—Elders P. R. Elam, T. Dickson, J. J. Jones and A. A. McSwain.

To the Green River—Elders G. W. Rollins, G. M. Webb, R. Posten and A. A. McSwain.

To the Catawba River—Elders W. Hill and J. K. Howell.

The importance of sustaining our beneficiaries at Wake Forest, was next considered. After addresses by Elders Huffham, Hill, Webb and others, pledges were made, amounting to \$90, for that purpose.

The Association then adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Appointed Elder W. Hill to preach the next Introductory Sermon.

Elder T. Dickson alternate.

Appointed Elder G. M. Webb to preach the Missionary Sermon at the next session of the Association. Elder T. Dickson alternate.

Appointed Elder C. B. Justice to preach at 10 A. M. to-morrow. In the afternoon Elder L. McCurry.

The committee on missions reported as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

STATE MISSIONS.

Since your last session there have been in the field, in different parts of the State, about forty missionaries. They have been occupying important positions in towns and in the country. Their labors have been attended by most pleasing results. Houses of worship have been commenced or finished. Churches have been organized, and many precious souls have been converted and baptized.

In this Association, Elder G. M. Webb has been laboring at two points, and at one of them a gracious out-pouring of the Spirit has been enjoyed and more than thirty persons have been baptized. Surely we ought to thank God and take courage.

There has been a lack, during the year just closing, of the liberality usually extended to this work by the churches.

We would commend it to the Pastors, within our bounds, and urge that they bring it before their churches, at least, once a year and ask for contributions to carry it on.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptists are occupying stations in foreign lands as follows: Africa and Italy. In China there are fifteen missionaries and fourteen native assistants. In Italy there is one missionary and six native

evangelists. In Africa there are thirteen laborers. In all there are forty-nine missionaries and assistants sustained by the liberality of the Baptists of our Southern Zion.

From all quarters of the field there comes the most encouraging reports. In China, at all the stations, the congregations are swarming in numbers and interest, and new stations are calling for laborers.

In Italy we have been disappointed in securing a house of worship in the City of Rome. The funds raised are securely invested, and, when in the Providence of God the way may be opened, they will be used for the purpose designed by the contributors. Meanwhile the preaching of the gospel goes on and blessed fruits are growing out of it. The supervision of the work in that field has been entrusted to Elder George B. Taylor, of Va., a brother whose praise is in all the churches.

Our missions in Africa are in a hopeful condition. There has been some lack of the usual growth in our missions in that benighted land, because we have had no white missionary for two years or more. It is contemplated to appoint a missionary at an early day.

It is gratifying to know that the Lord is blessing the efforts of his people to spread the gospel in heathen lands.

It is, however, matter for humiliation that there seems to be so little of the spirit of foreign mission in this Association. Only one of the churches reports any contributions for this great enterprise during the year now closing. Surely this ought not so to be. Let us awaken to our duty and endeavor to be more diligent for the future.

After being addressed by Elders J. D. HUFHAM, Chairman, home missions a collection was made, for that purpose, amounting to \$33.45; and the report adopted.

Adjourned till 9½ o'clock Monday morning.

Prayer by Elder C. B. Justice.

SABBATH MORNING, 10 o'clock.

The stand was occupied by Elder C. B. Justice, who delivered an interesting sermon to a large and attentive congregation. Text, Heb. XI: 1. Followed by Elder W. Hill. Text, Gal. VI: 10. After which a collection was made, amounting to \$45.80. After a recess of one hour the stand was again occupied by Elder L. McCurry. Text, Rev. XXII: 13. Prayer by Elder T. Dickson. Benediction by Elder G. W. Rollins. The word of truth was delivered with energy and great zeal, and it is hoped that much good will be realized from the labors of the day, and may God bless them and make them productive of much and lasting good to those who were present on the occasion.

MONDAY, 9½ A. M.

The Association met. Prayer by Elder P. R. Elam. The roll was called, and, a quorum of delegates being present, the Association proceeded to business.

The committee submitted the following

REPORT ON OBITUARIES:

During the past associational year death has invaded our ranks and

taken, from among us, a number of our most consistent, devoted and beloved members, too tedious to mention all their names, we, therefore, refrain from introducing any of their names, but would sympathise with the relatives and friends of the departed ones. May they be resigned to the will of the Lord. But while we lament the death of some of our members, we rejoice that so many of our lives have been perpetuated and preserved.

L. R. ROLLINS, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

1st. There are half of the churches in the Association without a Sunday School.

2nd. If possible, every church ought to have a Sunday School for the benefit of the children, the members of the church and the pastor. The Sunday School is a work for the good of all and the glory of God.

3rd Children have a right to be taught. Christians have knowledge partly in trust for all mankind, and not to give it; is to withhold what is lawfully their due. "Owe no man anything, but to love him."

4th. Children, little children, have a right to come to Christ. Let the Bride in the Sunday School, say come.

5th. They have a right to the Gospel. To obey God, ministers must give it to them. Gather them in Sunday School that they may better read and learn the way of life.

J. K. HOWELL, Chairman.

Report adopted.

The committee on Finance reported as follows:

Minutes	\$49.00
State Missions, sent up by churches	26.65
State Missions, collected on Saturday	33.45
Foreign Missions, sent up by churches	4.95
Foreign Missions, collected on Sabbath	45.80

\$159.85

Total

J. JENKINS, Chairman

On motion the committee on Union Meetings was authorized to consider the importance of re-districting the Association, and report accordingly.

The committee on Periodicals made the following report:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We believe that great good has been accomplished by the reading of Religious Journals in our families.

We, therefore, recommend, to the brethren, the Biblical Recorder, the great defender of Baptist principals. We think that every baptist in the State, should take and read the Recorder, and hope that the pastors and brethren of this Association will feel it to be their duty, to introduce and circulate this paper that all may read it.

We, also, recommend the Kind Words, published at Memphis Tennessee, — an excellent Sunday School paper.

This little sheet is valuable to children, and all who read it.

A. A. McSWAIN, Chairman.

After the adoption of the above report, we were addressed by Elder J. D. Hufham, who represented the Biblical Recorder, which added to his list, thirty-four subscribers.

The committee on Union Meetings recommend that the Association be divided into two sections, and, that the First Broad River be the established line, all churches East of said river, to constitute the first section, all West, second section, and further recommend, that the next Union Meeting be held with the Shelby Church, commencing on Friday before the third Sabbath in May, 1874. Appointed to attend said meeting, Elders G. M. Webb, J. K. Howell, T. Dickson and A. A. McSwain.

Report adopted.

The committee on Education reported.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We are glad to observe that there seems to be increased interest, manifested among our people upon the great subject of education, and still hope to see the people more urgent, and more aroused in the education of the rising generation, than they ever have been.

We are truly glad to know that there is and effort being made for the endowment of Wake Forest College.

We most heartily endorse that effort, and will aid it in any way we can. We regard W. F. C. as the center point, and the polar star, to which we hope to see our young men look with proud anticipations.

We, particularly, recommend our young brethren in the ministry, to receive a course of instruction at W. F. C.; and those who go as beneficiaries, we think it is our duty to aid them, and sustain them if possible. We, also, would bring to the notice of this body, Bridges' Academy, located six and a half miles west of Shelby, and heartily recommend it to the favorable consideration of the denomination. Brethren Bridges and Yarblend morals and religion with literary training. We hope to see our institutions of learning well cared for, and more interest than ever manifested, in them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. YARBORO, Chirman.

Report adopted.

The Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

In order to be temperate, we understand that we must abstain from all things hurtful. But the common acceptation of the term, applies to intoxicating liquors, the making, vending and using as a beverage. The holy scriptures tell us, "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." "Look not upon the wine." "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath wounds without cause? They that tarry long at the wine, they that seek mixed wine." "It biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." The Scriptures abound in admonitions on this subject. Associations every year speak out on this subject, but, unless the churches act, little will be affected in this direction. Intemperance is a great hindrance to the successful preaching of the gospel; the cause of many troubles in our churches. Let us, therefore, as christians, strive to cleanse ourselves of this great evil. By united and persevering efforts, and by the help of the grace of God, this

may be accomplished.

Respectfully,
J. A. ROBERTS, Chairman.

Report Adopted.

It was agreed to hold the next session of the Association with the church at Sandy Run, commencing on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September 1874.

The church at Bethel, Iredell Co., was, at her own request, dismissed from this body to join a new Association.

Resolved, that a committee of three, be appointed to revise the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Abstract of this Association. Appointed and report on Friday at the next session of this Association with the Clerk. as follows: Dr. L. N. Durham, Elder J. H. Yarbboro, with the Clerk.

The Missionary board as follows: J. Jenkins, J. L. Ledford and E. J. Lovelace.

Resolved that the delegates be requested to present the subject of missions to their respective churches and endeavor to secure the adoption of some systematic plan for raising funds for that object.

Resolved that this Association recommend Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in November next, as a day of prayer and thanksgiving to the Lord for his abundant crops; and more especially, for the outpouring of his Holy Spirit upon many of our churches in the salvation of many souls.

The following Brethren were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention: T. Dickson, G. M. Webb, J. Jenkins, A. C. Ervin, A. C. Dickson, J. M. Webb, L. R. Rollins, L. N. Durham, W. Hill, and J. K. Howell.

Proceedings of present Session read and approved.

The clerk was ordered to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, and retain ten dollars for his services.

Resolved, that the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the members of this church and the community for their generous hospitality during our present Session.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Sandy Run church, $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Shelby, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1874.

Prayer by Elder C. B. Justice. G. W. ROLLINS, Moderator.

B. H. BRIDGES, Clerk.

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S T A T I S T I C A L T A B L E .

Churches.	Post Offices.	Pastors.	Church Clerks.	Sabbath of preaching	Baptized	Received by letter	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Dead	Total	Contributed for Minutes	State Missions	Foreign Missions
Sandy Run	Moorsboro	G. W. Rollins	W. B. Lovelace	3	1	2	1	12	2	1	233	3,00		
Zion	Shelby	J. H. Yarboro	A. J. Erwin	1	1	1		13	2	1	159	3,05		
Zoar	Shelby	T. Dickson	P. D. Wilson	3	22	4	1	4	1	3	143	3,00		
Double Springs	Camp Call	G. M. Webb	W. W. Bridges	2	20	1		2		1	160	2,50		
New Bethel	Gardners Ford	R. Posten	R. T. Hord	2	1	1	1	6			169	2,10		
Pleasant Hill	Shelby	G. M. Webb	J. A. Roberts	1	1	2		2	7		140	1,65	3,00	
Mnt. Vernan	Mulls Grove	Joseph Smith	P. R. Leatherman	4	6				4		49	.75		
Big Spring	Duncan Creek.	G. W. Rollins	J. C. Gettys	2	17	1	1	3	1	1	95	1,80		
Bethlehem	King's Mountain	P. R. Elam.	P. M. Gardner	2	26	4				3	136	2,50		
Olivet	Webbs Ford	G. W. Rollins	J. M. Toms	1	2	1		2	2	2	100	1,90		
Concord	Jacobs Fork	J. K. Howell	L. W. Cocheram	3	1	3		1			54	1,50		
Thessalonica	Lincolnton	N. B. Cobb				7	1	2			13	.50		
Lincolnton	Rock Cut	J. K. Howell	John Setser	2		4	1	1	1		93	1,50		
Bethel, Irdell	Moorsboro	J. J. Jones	D. N. Hamrick	2	2	8		3			80	1,40		
Bethel, Rutherford	Sticies Shoal	L. H. McSwain	S. Wylie	3	24			7		4	91	.50		
Mnt. Sinai	Nicholsonville	A. A. McSwain	J. D. Simmons	2		1				2	146	1,65		
Mnt. Pleasant	Shelby	T. H. Mulenax	J. T. Harrell	4	14	1		8	3	2	150	1,00		
Beaverdam	Oak Spring	W. McSwain	J. Smart	4	5	5		6			117	1,00		
Walls	Camp Call	R. Posten	J. B. Walker	4	27	5				1	169	2,55		
Sandy Plains	Moorsboro	G. W. Rollins	J. P. Burgess	4	42	4		5			160	1,80		
High Shoals	New House, S. C.	P. R. Elam	J. W. Moore	4	14	3	1	2		1	121	2,00		
Mnt. Paran	Logans Store	B. E. Rollins	J. L. Padgett	2				1		2	111	1,20		
Mnt. Harmony	Shelby	A. A. McSwain	G. G. Holland	3					3	3	167	2,00		
Boiling Springs	Shelby	W. Hill	J. Jenkins	1	1	6	1	8	3	3	112	2,00	14,90	4,90
Shelby	Buffalo Paper Mills	P. R. Elam	T. Kindrick	1-2-3	14	6	1	8	2	1	75	3,00		
Capernaum	Shelby	T. Dickson	J. C. Hoyle	4		2		5	3		301	1,55		
New Prospect	Cherryville	G. M. Webb	P. R. Moss	2	27	5	1	2	1	1	66	2,00	8,75	
Mnt. Zion	Antioch, S. C.	P. R. Elam	R. C. Dickson	4	35	4			1	1	161	2,10		
Antioch							1	6	1	5	161	1,00		
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